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TOPIC Soviet Ammunition Depot at Hohenleipisch

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REMARKS

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1. The following shipments of ammunition arrived at the depot in Hohenleipisch and were unloaded there between 1 and 30 November 1951:

Date	Number of Railroad Cars	Cargo	Dispatching Station
1 November	2	32 tons of 151 mm shell cases	Stalinsk
7 November	3	38 tons of 76.2 mm shell cases	Volganezh
12 November	2	24 tons of 120 mm mortar shells;	Leningrad
	2	19 tons of infantry ammunition	Leningrad
13 November	3	explosives	U.S.S.R.
20 November	2	24 tons of infantry ammunition;	Leningrad
	1	14 tons of 76.2 mm shell cases	Leningrad
23 November	3	42.5 tons of 151 mm shell cases	Stalinsk *

2. Outgoing shipments.

Date	Number of Railroad Cars	Cargo	Receiving Station
3 November	1	11.2 tons of 151 mm shells;	Koenigsbrueck
	1	10.5 tons of 76.2 mm shells;	Koenigsbrueck
	1	6.5 tons of 120 mm mortar shells	Koenigsbrueck

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5 November	1	9.7 tons of infantry ammunition	Chemnitz-Ebersdorf
9 November	1	3.7 tons of 105 mm shells;	Zeithain
	1	11 tons of 76.2 mm shells	Zeithain
15 November	1	9 tons of infantry ammunition	Zeithain
17 November	1	11 tons of infantry ammunition	Chemnitz
27 November	1	10 tons of 76.2 mm shells;	Zeithain
	1	9.5 tons of infantry ammunition	Zeithain

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3. [] the 151 mm shells actually have a maximum diameter of 151.82 mm, measured at their bourrelet. These shells are usually designated as 150 mm shells. The 105 mm shells [] were AA shells fitted with two guide rings and screwed-in bases, and artillery shells fitted with one bourrelet and one guide ring. These artillery shells have an exact caliber of 107 mm. ***

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4. Between 11 and 14 November, the entire traffic on the roads near the ammunition depot was intensively controlled by a detachment of the criminal police from Dresden whose chief was Kriminalpolizei Kommissar Dietrich (fnu).

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* [] Comment. The report confirms the ammunition depot at Hohenleipisch, [] informant covered only part of the outgoing and incoming shipments as [] many more rail shipments of ammunition were dispatched to the installation during the period covered by report.

[] 144 railroad carloads of ammunition were sent to the depot. 50X1-HUM

** [] Comment. [] It is believed that the 107 mm shells dispatched to Zeithain will be used by German Volkspolizei units which are equipped with heavy artillery pieces. As far as is known, the Soviets do not use 107 mm artillery pieces. 50X1-HUM

*** [] Comment. The present report proves that the heavy artillery shells definitely were 151 mm shells. There is a possibility that the 105 mm ammunition included Soviet AA ammunition, [] 50X1-HUM

[] The pertaining artillery ammunition probably were German 105 mm shells used for light field howitzers, as 105-mm artillery pieces were discarded by the Soviets as obsolete equipment. [] 50X1-HUM

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